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1. ACCOUNTS OF NATO CONTROLLER SHOW THAT ALL OF THE PAYMENTS LISTED IN REF A HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 2,536,547 BF OF AUGUST 17, 1973 (A-7080).

2. ACCOUNTS SHOW PAYMENT OF \$396,053 US (AUTHORIZED A-4226, MAY 12, 1973). AS EQUIVALENT OF 15,973,200BF. THESE DOLLARS ARE FOR NSF SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS AND ARE NOT CONVERTED TO FRANCS. THEREFORE, EXCHANGE RATE USED TO COMPUTE EQUIVALENT TOTAL BF PAID IS SAME AS RATE USED WHEN BUDGET WAS APPROVED. ACCORDINGLY, TOTAL PAID TO DATE BY STATE AMOUNTS TO 237,973,114 BF, RATHER THAN 236,911,309 BF AS SHOWN IN REF A.

3. FINAL ESTIMATE OF 1973 BUDGET REQUIREMENTS AS SHOWN IN REF B (POUCHED PREVIOUSLY) IS 1,063,270,687 BF, OF WHICH 16,500,000 BF ARE FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES TO WHICH DOD HAS MADE THE US CONTRIBUTION. ESTIMATE OF STATE'S TOTAL CONTRIBUTION FOR 1973 IS 24.2 PERCENT OF THE 1,046,770,687 BF, OR 253,318,506 BF.

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4. ESTIMATE OF 1973 BALANCE DUE FROM STATE IS 15,345,392 BF.

5. NOTE: US CURRENTLY HAS A CREDIT BALANCE OF 14,981,973 BF FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR US PERSONNEL ON INTERNATIONAL STAFF FOR

FIRST HALF 1973, AND WE CAN EXPECT SIMILAR CREDIT FOR THE
SECOND HALF.
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